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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on Oath & Declaration of December 2, 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-35 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☒ Claim(s) 1-35 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. It is noted that USPTO has received an Oath & Declaration filed on December 2, 2003.

Claims 1-35 with two independent claims (**Claims 1 and 24**) are pending now. An action follows.

Election/Restrictions

2. Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

I. **Claims 1-23**, drawn to a method of making fluorinated copolymers having repeating units from **five monomers (i) – (v)**, classified in class 526, subclass 242.

II. **Claims 24-35**, drawn to a different method of making fluorinated copolymers having repeating units from **six specific monomers (i) – (vi)**, classified in class 526, subclass 245.

3. The inventions are distinct, each from the others because of the following reasons:

Inventions I and II are unrelated. Inventions are unrelated if it can be shown that they are not disclosed as capable of use together and they have different modes of operation, different

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functions, or different effects (MPEP § 806.04, MPEP § 808.01). In the instant case the different invention Group I was drawn to a method of making fluorinated copolymers having repeating units from “**five**” **monomers (i) – (v)**, while Group II was drawn to a different method of making fluorinated copolymers having repeating units from “**six**” **specific monomers (i) – (vi)**, therefore the scope of the claims, i.e., the metes and boundaries are distinct.

4. Although both groups may contain the same fundamental five monomers (i) – (v) as well as using the same chain transfer agent, initiator and surfactant in a free radical induced emulsion polymerization, **they are actually producing two different fluorinated copolymers** due to the presence or absence of N-methylolacrylamide as the monomer (vi) component.

In the instant case, the copolymers made from Groups II may at most contain five repeating units from Group I in the extreme case since Group II uses only specific species monomer from Group I. However, the individual property of monomers will not be shown in its polymers mainly due to tremendous difference in molecular weight. With such an extra monomer in Group II, **the copolymer obtained from Group II will behave quite differently from that of Group I**. The process of making is unique and thereby not interchangeable.

5. Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and the search required for each group is not required for other groups have acquired a separate status in the art as shown by their different classification, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

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6. It is noted that one phone call was made to Eugene Mar (tel: 703 683-1080) on April 6, 2005 by the examiner; a written letter was decided between examiner and the attorney's representative since the attorney is out of country. Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include an election of the invention to be examined even though the requirement be traversed (37 CFR 1.143).

7. Applicant is reminded that upon the cancellation of claims to a non-elected invention, the inventorship must be amended in compliance with 37 CFR 1.48(b) if one or more of the currently named inventors is no longer an inventor of at least one claim remaining in the application. Any amendment of inventorship must be accompanied by a request under 37 CFR 1.48(b) and by the fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(i).

Conclusion

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communication from the examiner should be directed to Henry S. Hu whose telephone number is (571) 272-1103. The examiner can be reached on Monday through Friday from 9:00 AM –5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Wu, can be reached on (571) 272-1114. The fax number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306 for all regular communications.

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